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SUBJECT: KHMER REPRESENTATION IN UN

REF: A. STATE 219689; B. VIENNA 9283; C. VIENNA 9299

1. ON NOVEMBER 12, ACTING DCM REVIEWED IN DETAIL SUBJECT MATTER WITH FRIEDRICH GLEISSNER, ACTING CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICE. OUR DEMARCHE STRESSED LEGAL AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF ISSUE, OUR VERY STRONG OPPOSITION TO ANY UNGA INVITATION TO GRUNK TO LOS CONFERENCE VICE GRK AND MAJOR IMPORTANCE WE ATTRIBUTE TO AUSTRIAN VOTE IN VIEW OF PROBABLE CLOSE OUTCOME OF VOTING.

2. GLEISSNER INDICATED THAT, AS IN CASE OF POSSIBLE INVITATION TO PRG TO ATTEND LOS CONFERENCE, AUSTRIA HAS TAKEN TENTATIVE POSITION TO ABSTAIN ON ITEM. HE SAID GOA STANCE SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO PROSPECT OF VIENNA BEING USED AS SITE FOR ONE STAGE OF LOS CONFERENCE AND THAT, THERE-
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FORE, AUSTRIA AS POTENTIAL HOST, DID NOT WANT

TO TAKE SIDES ON CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, HE EXPLAINED THAT UNDER OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES (NOT FURTHER EXPLAINED) GOA WOULD NORMALLY VOTE AGAINST PROPOSAL.

3. ACTING DCM OBJECTED STRENUEOUSLY TO VALIDITY THIS LINE OF ARGUMENTATION AND OBSERVED THAT IT WAS HARDLY CONFORTING TO USG TO BE TOLD BY OLD FRIEND THAT EXCEPT FOR EXPEDIENCY'S SAKE IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, AUSTRIA WOULD BE GUIDED BY PRINCIPLE ON IMPORTANT ISSUES. HE REITERATED US VIEW THAT DECISION ON VOTING SHOULD BE MADE ON MERITS OF CASE, NOT ON CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE SELECTION AS SITE FOR CONFERENCE AT SOME FUTURE DATE.

4. AFTER BEING INFORMED THAT AMBASSADOR HAD ON FRIDAY MADE STRONG DEMARCHE TO FOREIGN MINISTER OF OUR OPPOSITION TO INVITATION TO PRG FOR LOS CONFERENCE, GLEISSNER SAID HE WOULD TAKE UP SUBJECT ON PRIORITY BASIS WITH CHIEF OF POLITICAL DEPARTMENT STEINER WHO, IN TURN, WOULD PROBABLY REVIEW GOA ABSTENTION ON PRG AND GRUNK ISSUES WITH FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEXT DAY OR TWO. GLEISSNER, IN EFFORT TO BE MORE POSITIVE, SAID AT CLOSE OF CONVERSATION THAT HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH EARLIER TODAY WITH JANKOWITSCH (AUSTRIAN PERM REP IN UN) WHO SEEMED TO FEEL THAT NEITHER PRG NOR GRUNK ISSUE WOULD BE RAISED IN UNGA IN NEXT FEW WEEKS.

5. IN VIEW OF LATEST DEVELOPMENTS, AS REPORTED ABOVE, EMBASSY FEELS IT MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT DEPARTMENT CALL IN HALUSA FOR STRONG DEMARCHE TO COUNTER CURRENT AUSTRIAN INCLINATION TO ABSTAIN FROM VOTE ON THESE TWO ISSUES (SEE REFTEL C).HUMES

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